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SPECIFICATION:

Page 7, please add the following paragraph in line 34. It will extend into page 8.

What is shown in Exhibit 2 is called the "phrase structure". The phrase structure of a sentence defines the hierarchical relationships between the words of a sentence. This is explained in books such as "Introduction to Government and Binding Theory", Blackwell Textbooks in Linguistics, 1994, by Liliane Haegeman. It is known in Linguistics that understanding the phrase structure of a sentence is critical for understanding the sentence.

Page 9, please replace the paragraph extending from line 30 to line 34 by this paragraph:

In the preferred embodiment, the invention is created with a ~~[computerized system, which can be based, for example, on a personal computer]~~ general purpose computer, which in this application will be called a computerized system, such as the Dell® Dimension XPS®, adding a mouse and a keyboard so that the user interacts with the system. In the computerized system there exists an operating system that can be, for example, Microsoft® Windows 2000®.

Page 19, please delete the paragraph that extends from line 7 to line 11. It starts with "In another" and ends with "emphasized".

Page 19, please delete the paragraph that extends from line 12 to line 14. It starts with "Also" and ends with "well".

Page 19, please add the following paragraph in line 15:

Besides general purpose computers (which in this applications are called computerized systems), the invention can be embodied in different types of non computerized electronic systems, which might also use integrated circuits and microprocessors. This system would show the blind extracts and play back the audio fragments. Also, it is readily obvious that the same can be attained utilizing two or more electronic systems used in coordination. One of said systems would be used for showing the blind extracts and another one would be used for playing back the audio fragments.

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Page 19, please replace the paragraph extending from line 15 to line 20 by this paragraph:

A possible example of said non computerized electronic system would be a interactive television system. [In another possible embodiment, the invention is build without a computerized system, but uses an electronic system, such as for example a television.] The television screen would show the blind extracts and the audio of the television would create the aural reproductions. As in the previous case, some fragments of the blind extracts that appear on the screen might be graphically emphasized, and they can also be aurally emphasized in the aural reproductions.

Page 19, please replace the paragraph extending from line 21 to line 24 by this paragraph:

Another possible embodiment uses SEGMENTAL BLIND EXTRACTS, which show the sound segments that make up the syllables. The segments are the sound units identified in speech that make up the syllables. That is to say, segments are sounds that last shorter time than the syllable length. Segments can be equated with phonemes, even though there are several situations in which there is no general consensus about their relationship. In general, when speech is put in written form, each segment can be represented by a graphical object. An introductory description of segments is provided in Ray Jackendoff's "Foundations of Language", 2002, Oxford University Press. Using segmental extracts creates the following additional types of extracts.